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## NEWS OF THE DAY.

Genevieve Pison, a sixteen-month-old baby, was burned to death in Baltimore on Saturday by accidentally upsetting a coal-oil lamp in her parents' house.

The Pennsylvania Railroad shops at Altoona have turned out eighty-four locomotives during the present year, the largest number built so far in any one year.

Capt. James Baile and eighteen officers and crew of the bark Belgravia were rescued in mid-ocean on November 18 by Capt. Campbell, of the steamship St. Altoas, and arrived at Baltimore on Saturday.

Grain traffic along the Northern Pacific is reported heavy. The elevators along the road are full of wheat, and the grain is still coming in freely. There are probably 100,000 bushels in store along the line.

A horrible tragedy occurred at Lawrence, Miss., on Saturday night, a woman being shot and instantly killed by her paramour who is a married man with a family, who also afterwards attempted to take his own life.

Francis Smith, Patrick Smith, and Eugene Connelly were frozen to death while sleeping in the streets of New York Saturday night, and Hymen Vallenberg was found frozen stiff in his room on Baxter street yesterday morning.

A despatch from Brazil, Ind., says George Scott, a half-breed Indian and negro, was lynched last night by a party of masked men, who took him from the jail, where he was confined for an outrage on Mrs. Allison, the wife of his employer.

In Cincinnati on Saturday, five persons lost their lives by a fire in a book factory. Two American persons were burned to death with their dwelling houses in Philadelphia, and the same day two children were burned to death in Memphis.

A postal clerk of long experience in deciphering addresses on letters passing through his hands expresses the opinion that the writing that comes from Portland, Me., and Pittsburgh, Pa., is the worst, while the letters from Baltimore is the best. As a rule New York ranks fair, but on Saturdays the writing is horrid.

By direction of the fire commissioners of New York an examination has just been made of the theaters in that city with a view to ascertain what precautions have been taken to guard against accident in case of fire. The result has been that the owners of six theatrical establishments have been notified to make certain necessary improvements, and in one case it was recommended that proceedings be taken for the violation of a city ordinance prohibiting the use of seats in aisles.

Mr. Charles D. Fisher's residence, on North Charles street, Baltimore, was burned Sunday morning the family barely escaping with their lives, and two colored servants, a woman and a lad, were fatally injured by leaping from a fourth story window, the woman having succeeded and the boy's condition being hopeless. The loss on house and furniture was estimated at between \$50,000 and \$60,000, with \$30,000 insurance on the house, and, it is said, \$10,000 on the furniture.

Pensacola, Florida, was nearly reduced to ashes by a conflagration which began Friday night and lasted eight hours, sweeping away the business part of the city. The loss is estimated at from \$500,000 to \$750,000, and is only partly covered by insurance. The Methodist Conference, which was in session there, adjourned yesterday, after taking up a collection for the sufferers by the fire. It is expected that the city will soon recover from its loss and be rebuilt in a more modern manner.

As stated in Saturday's Gazette, Senator Bayard makes a statement in reference to the card published last Saturday by Messrs. Conkling, Arthur, Boutwell and Davis, concerning an alleged extract of a speech by Mr. Bayard at Dover, Del., in October last. Mr. Bayard shows that he had already given a proper denial to Mr. Conkling as early as November 15, and again November 21, besides having also sent a similar denial prior to November 20 to one of the editors of the Philadelphia Press, in which the reported speech had been copied. The publication of the card of Messrs. Conkling, Arthur and others at this time, as if no denial had been made, appears somewhat remarkable, and Senator Bayard submits his statement, with the correspondence, "to the judgment of all honorable men."

**Affairs in Ireland.**  
Mr. Forester, Chief Secretary for Ireland, went suddenly to London yesterday to attend a Cabinet meeting to be held to day. The position of affairs is very grave, and immediate action by the government is predicted. Mr. Parnell and the Home Rule members of Parliament have decided to demand the dismissal from the bench of Chief Justice May.

A large land meeting was held yesterday near Ballina. An abusive resolution was passed protesting against the language of Chief Justice May, and expressing belief that the trial of the travelers will be unfair if that judge is allowed to preside. The government has so far listened to Mr. Forester's representations as to place two more regiments of troops at the disposal of the Irish executive.

The Claremorris police patrol, Friday night, near Irishburg, fired on a body of men, who, they supposed, were about to attack a house. One man, who was seriously wounded, was arrested. The statement of Baron Dwyer, at the opening of the Conquest Assizes at Galway yesterday showed that in four months 698 indictments had been returned in Connaught. For these only thirty-nine persons have been rendered amenable. Five hundred and seventy-seven persons against whom offenses had been committed had, through terror or desire to shield the offenders, refused to give evidence, prosecute or assist the police. In Mayo there were 383 lesser and 236 indictable offenses. The case concerning which Judge Fitzgerald received a letter threatening him that he would be shot in open court was that of the wounding of Hanlon, a constable, near New Pallas on the 18th of November. Hanlon identified his assailant, but the defense suggested his ability to identify a man at night, and Judge Fitzgerald refused to accept the evidence.

**THE SUPREME COURT CHANGES.**—To-day will probably be Justice Strong's last on the Supreme bench. He will resign, and it is probable that to-morrow the resignation will be accepted. Justice Swayne will resign in January. It is generally believed that these two offices, which are to be filled by President Hayes, will be filled by the appointment of Attorney General Devens and Stanley Matthews, but which will be appointed in Justice Strong's place is not known. It is believed, however, that Mr. Matthews will get Mr. Strong's place. If Mr. Matthews is appointed it will make two Ohio men appointed on the Supreme Bench by Mr. Hayes since he has been President. If he appoints Attorney General Devens that will create two vacancies in the Cabinet, and who will be Secretary of the Navy and who Attorney General will be questions of active speculation for the next few days.—*Washington Rep.*

**COMMUNICATED.**  
The Mayor has ordered the removal of ice and other obstructions from the sidewalks, but no notice is taken of the piles of ashes, garbage and slops, which are deposited in the streets, supplying amusement to children with siffers and sticks, who fill the air with the dust and smells arising from these nuisances. Where is the Superintendent of Police? Or have we such an officer?

**THE CAPTAIN GENERALSHIP.**—There was a rumor current in newspaper circles last night that Senator Kirkwood, Representative McCook, and one or two other gentlemen who are interested in the provisions suggested for General Grant in the President's message, and in the bill now pending in the House for his retirement, had called at the White House, and had a long conference with the President on this subject. It is also intimated that the bill introduced by General McCook, providing for General Grant's retirement, was backed up by the Executive approval, the President indicated very clearly that he greatly preferred that any legislation in this way should take the direction suggested in his message.—*Washington Republican.*

The price which England is to be called upon to pay out of the pockets of the English, Scotch and Welsh taxpayers, in order to settle forever the disgusting Irish land question, is, according to the States, the very moderate amount of \$1,600,000,000.

## FROM WASHINGTON.

*Special Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.*  
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 13, 1880.  
The House District Committee, at their meeting to-day, cut down the proposed appropriation for filling up the old site of the Capitol from forty to twenty thousand dollars, and requested the Committee on Commerce to appropriate a million and a quarter dollars with which to commence at once the reclamation of the flats in the Potomac off this city.

In the Bayly-Mosby imbroglio, all the charges, rebuttals and counter charges are out yet. They constitute a large bundle, which General Baum says he will not examine until all the interested parties say they have nothing more to present. The retention of Capt. Baum is altogether with Collector Bitts and it is almost certain that he will not be removed. Col. Chapman's place is at the disposal of General Baum, and he, too, it is now thought will be retained. This of course has reference only to the present administration, for a desperate effort will be made with the next not only to remove them, but all the other Federal officers in the 8th congressional district: of V. R. Baum refused to support the straight republican ticket at the last election.

Mr. Speaker Randall in an interview with a newspaper correspondent to-day said the democratic intentions to force through the joint resolution for counting the electoral vote, that they had the 147 votes necessary to effect that object, and when that number was present would do so, and show Mr. Robinson that they would not agree that Vice President Wheeler had authority to select a President.

It is understood to day that the democrats have a majority of the members of the House present, and that they will proceed to-morrow to elect Judge Nowlin postmaster. The Judge said to day that he would not determine definitely upon his assistant and mail carrier until after he shall have been elected.

The joint congressional committee on the Yorktown centennial held another meeting this morning, appointed a sub-committee to wait upon the Secretary of the Navy and see what part the navy would take in the affair, and what assistance in the way of funds, boats, &c., it would be able to furnish. The committee also decided that the program should be continued for three weeks, the first three days of which to be under the control of the congressional committee, and the remainder of the time under that of the Yorktown association, which was represented before the committee to day by Judge Ould, of Richmond.

The morning hour of the Senate to day was consumed in a debate upon the signal service, during which Mr. Vest wanted to know why the command of that service should not be open to naval as well as to army officers, and availed himself of an opportunity to pay a handsome compliment to the late Commodore Maury. The morning hour of the House was consumed in a debate on Mr. Hurd's resolution, to the effect that Mr. Taylor, who was elected to fill out the term for which Mr. Garfield was elected, is not entitled to his seat, because the district that elected him is not the same that elected Mr. Garfield, having been changed since the time of Mr. Garfield's election.

Intelligence was received at the War Department this morning to the effect that the recent interest taken in the Mexico campaign by Boston is altogether unnecessary, and that a delegation of those who are now on their way to Washington to state that they are perfectly satisfied with their present location, and don't want to go back to the place from which they were removed. This is a blow to Mr. Davis, of Massachusetts, who has been using his professed sympathy for the Porcos as a means of securing his re-election to the Senate.

Three leading republican senators, Edmunds, Carpenter and Logan, made their first appearance for the session this morning. Mr. Conkling has not yet appeared, but his absence is not attributed to any desire on his part to make preparation for a hostile meeting with Mr. Bayard.

Secretary Thompson is being denounced roundly by members of his own party for accepting the Presidency of the American section of the Panama Canal Company. They don't hesitate to say that he has been bought with a bribe.

The present, or 46th Congress, has had three sessions. The members, as is known, receive a fixed salary of \$5,000 a year, and from that time to the end of the two years of which the term is composed, and a stationery fund for each of the two years, which they can draw in money or stationery as they may choose. For the first, or extra session, they have appropriated to themselves an extra stationery fund, and a part of it is now on foot to pay themselves extra pay and mileage for the extra session. As a majority of the members of the House will never have another chance for a dig at the public treasury, this scheme will have many friends in disguise, if not open ones, among them, but the experience of the salary grabbers, will, it is supposed, be sufficient to render any tears of its success groundless.

The following changes were made in the Virginia post offices, to day: J. W. Pulliam, appointed postmaster at Beaver Dam Mills, Hanover Co., vice John Lea Anthony, resigned; Wm. M. Showalter, at Green Forest, Rockbridge Co., vice C. O. Booman, resigned, and A. H. Johnson at Fugates Hill, Russell Co., vice Eliza Fugate, resigned.

The Garfield club and the Invincibles, two republican organizations of Philadelphia, numbering 1500, sent agents here to-day to secure accommodations for them at the next session of the Legislature. They were unsuccessful as all the public accommodations of the city affords had been engaged for that occasion, and had to go to Baltimore to see if they could get what they wanted there.

Gen. Grant is expected to arrive here this evening, and great preparations are being made to receive him. Bands of music are already playing "L, the Conquering Hero Comes."

**A CURIOUS FACT.**—Bands of music are forbidden to play on most of the large bridges of the world. A constant succession of sound waves, especially as come from the playing of a band, will excite the wires to vibration. At first the vibrations are very slight, but they will increase as the sound waves continue to come. The principal reason why bands are not allowed to play when crossing our "hija bridges, the suspension bridge at Niagara Falls, for instance, is that if followed by processions of any kind, they will keep step with the music, and this regular step would cause the wires to vibrate. At suspension bridges, military companies are not allowed to march across in regular step, but break ranks. The regular trotting gait of a large dog across a suspension bridge is more dangerous to the bridge than a heavily loaded wagon drawn by a team of large horses.

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**FIRST NATL. BANK OF ALEXA., VA.**  
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## FOREIGN NEWS.

The St. Petersburg Gelas urges Russia to send an ultimatum to China.

One hundred lives were lost in the recent Wales colliery disaster.

Several promotions and transfers were made at the papal consistory at Rome on Saturday.

Victoria, Princess Imperial of Germany and Princess Royal of England, has just passed her fortieth birthday.

A dispatch from Paris announces the death of Madame Thiers, widow of the late President Thiers.

A number of persons suspected of being adherents of Ismail Pasha, ex Khedive of Egypt, have been arrested in Stambul.

Seventeen transports, with 9,000 men, left Africa on the 15th of November to enter the campaign against Lima.

The Brazilian Senate has taken exceptions to the anti-slavery attitude adopted by the U. S. Minister.

The Persians have destroyed Uchui, killing many inhabitants. Sheikh Abdulah is organizing another force against them.

The Brazilian Senate has passed a bill making eligible to Parliament Protestants, naturalized foreigners and freedmen.

It is stated that the Pope has conferred on D. J. Murphy, of San Francisco, the hereditary title of marquis.

The Roman municipality, in spite of the opposition of the clerical members, has granted a site in a public cemetery to a cremation company.

M. Baudry d'Asson has instituted proceedings against M. Gambetta in connection with the former's expulsion from the French Chamber of Deputies.

**A Horrible Crime.**  
Last Sunday Mr. Thomas Kennedy, living near Salem, S. C., intending to visit Charleston, went over to his father's house, a short distance from his own, to ask his mother to stay with him during his absence. Mr. Kennedy's wife was formerly Miss Ada Wright, of Darlington, and had only been married about a year. She was a young lady of only 19 or 20 years of age, intelligent, refined and highly respected. When her husband left she shut the door and sat by a window to write a letter to her mother, little dreaming of the terrible fate that awaited her. As she sat there she saw in the yard Joe Barcos, a colored boy, about 16 years old, who had been employed by Mr. Kennedy the previous week, and she asked him to bring her an armful of wood. This boy had been induced by two negroes (living near by) to go to the house of Mr. Kennedy, and to kill Mrs. Kennedy and her daughter, and to take the property of the house, and when Mr. Kennedy left the place gave the signal to Vanzo and Julia, who kept them in a room in the kitchen. This couple had heard of Mr. Kennedy's intention to visit Charleston, and, thinking that he would have a good deal of money in the house, determined to break in and get it. When Joe turned to go for the wood he gave the signal and soon Mrs. Kennedy came into the yard. Vanzo asked him to go to the window and three times tried to get in, and each time he was shoved out by Mrs. Kennedy.

Finding that he was determined to get in she opened the front door, ran through the yard and was just going through the gate when Vanzo rushed up a box lying in the yard, overtook her at the gate and knocked her down. She implored mercy and told him she would give him all the money she had if he would only spare her life. He cursed her, and said, "I've been waiting to kill you a long time," and at that struck her two more blows, in attempting to get her out of the gate, and her hand was broken. Just then Julia came up with another box and severed her head. When Mr. Kennedy returned, about three hours afterward, he found his wife lying outside the front gate, mutilated, cold and stiff, her head almost severed in two. The police cranium was cut off from her ear, leaving the brains rattled around on the ground. A jury of inquest being held returned a verdict, "murder in the highest degree by unknown hands."

Several colored persons were arrested on Monday, but no one of their guilt being obtained they were promptly released. On Tuesday the colored boy, Joe Barcos, was arrested. He showed so much confusion on being questioned as to his whereabouts on Sunday that only a few questions served to bring out his full confession, from which the above account is taken.

Vanzo and Julia denied having anything to do with it, but the clothes which they wore on Sunday were very bloody with small particles of brain upon them. The money and pistol of Mr. Kennedy, found in their possession, were bloody, and on being questioned about the blood upon their clothes the woman said she had killed a chicken and the man said he had killed some partridges. On a close examination the bloody finger prints on the back of the shirt worn by the woman on the day of the murder, which circumstance had as great weight to convict her as the testimony of the boy. The horrible character of the murder awakened intense indignation in the neighborhood, and a crowd of 150 white men and 50 colored men assembled to punish the murderers. A further examination established the truth of the confession of Barcos. The negroes begged the whites to spare their lives, but a vote was taken whether they should be jailed and await the court or be lynched. Only twenty-three voted to await the law, and it was determined to hang them to the trees nearest the scene of the crime. Halters were obtained and fastened to a limb of the tree, a cart was placed under the limb and the prisoners ordered to mount. Just then Joe Barcos begged to be allowed to pray, and commenced by saying he had never prayed before, and never expected to pray again. Nothing was said by either of the others except a groan and "Lord, have mercy" from Vanzo. Handkerchiefs being tied over their faces, the cart was pushed away and the trio was soon dangling in the air. Their victim at the time of the murder was quite white with terror, and was near her confinement.

**SENSIBLE SUGGESTION.**—The Norfolk Ledger makes the following sensible suggestion: "Suppose we go promptly to work, every man a son of us, to develop the business resources of our section—to start manufacturing, open mines, build railroads, and so look out for number one. This is practical politics, as distinguished from sentimental politics, and if the South is ever to amount to anything, this sort of practical politics must predominate."

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## TO-DAY'S TELEGRAPH NEWS

**The Lawrence, Mass., Murder.**  
LAWRENCE, Mass., Dec. 13.—Miss Avis Piodham, whom Kaptain Wardman shot and killed last night, before attempting to take his own life, was 29 years of age. Her parents reside in Washington, Md. By those to whom she was known she is well spoken of; her intimacy with Wardman appears to be the only blot on her character. Wardman was a man of dissipated habits but formerly was held in high esteem. He is a member of the Keasarge-Barnum of Old Fellows. No doubt the acts were premeditated. The news of the tragedy, which is the first that ever occurred in this city, spread like wild fire. The body of the woman remained on the sidewalk nearly half an hour after the murder was discovered before it was examined by the medical examiner.

**Marine Disasters.**  
LONDON, Dec. 13.—Steamer Polynesia which arrived at Movill from Boston, spoke the British schooner Dawn from Cardiff for St. John's, and was abandoned. The schooner Juan from Cardiff for St. John's, N. F., has returned to Cardiff with the loss of jibboom, sails and boats, and otherwise damaged. Ship Quorn from Greenock for New Orleans, sprung a leak in long, 26 feet. Her pumps were unable to keep the water under and the crew becoming exhausted attempted to make Loughryle and went ashore at Magilligan Island during a heavy squall.

**New York Stock Market.**  
NEW YORK, Dec. 13, 11 A. M.—The stock market opened weak, and the general list was heavily pressed for sale, which resulted in a decline in prices, ranging from 1 to 2 per cent. Houston and Texas and Western Union being most prominent in the decline. American Union was exceptionally strong and advanced 1/2 per cent. from 63 1/2 to 64, with a subsequent reaction of 3 per cent. At the first board the speculation assumed a strong tone and prices took an upward turn.

**Forgeries.**  
PARIS, Dec. 13.—Baron de Friedland and his wife have been arrested. The latter, who is a daughter of the Duke of Persigny, grand-daughter of the Prince of Li Moussou and daughter of the Ex Emperor Eugene, is charged with forging her grandmother's signature to acceptance amounting to the sum of 193,000 francs.

**Application Refused.**  
NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—Judge Cowing to-day in the Court of General Sessions refused to grant the indictments for libel in the Philip Torgue case.

**A Card.**  
To the editor of the Alexandria Gazette:  
In your local column of the 9th instant in notice of a suit you say that the Foreign Missionary Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church advanced \$500 to the late firm of Smith, Usher & Co. This is entirely incorrect. If so, go at once and get a cutting from the paper. The society only came into possession of the claim within the last few months, and then in settling the accounts of an executor of an estate of which they were the legatees. The rest of the item was correct. Yours truly, A. G. Usher.

**OIL AND MUSIC.**—Prof. Ed. Holst is one of the leading professors of music in Chicago. In a recent interview he stated: "For the last two years I have suffered intensely with sore throat and neuralgia, which from time to time rendered me unfit to attend to my rehearsals and composition; but I am now, thanks to that admirable remedy, St. Jacob's Oil, perfectly cured, and can cheerfully recommend it to all who are similarly afflicted."

**Mothers! Mothers! Mothers!!!**  
Are you disturbed at night and broken of your rest by a sick child suffering and crying with the excruciating pain of cutting teeth? If so, go at once and get a bottle of **MRS. WINSLOW'S SOOTHING SYRUP**. It will relieve the poor little sufferer immediately—depend upon it; there is no mistake about it. There is not a mother on earth who has ever used it who will not tell you at once that it will regulate the bowels, and give rest to the mother, and relief and health to the child, operating like magic. It is perfectly safe to use in all cases, and pleasant to the taste, and is the prescription of one of the oldest and best female physicians and nurses in the United States. Full directions for using will accompany each bottle. None genuine unless the face-facsimile of **CURTIS & PERKINS** is on the outside wrapper. Sold by all Medicine Dealers. Twenty-five cents a bottle. Beware of imitations.

**MARINE INTELLIGENCE.**  
PORT OF ALEXANDRIA, DECEMBER 13.  
Sun rises..... 7 8 | Sun sets..... 4 42

**ARRIVED.**  
Ship John Gibson, New York, to F. A. Reed, Str Norfolk, Philadelphia, to F. A. Reed.  
Str Lady of the Lake, Norfolk, to F. A. Reed.  
Str Geo Leary, Norfolk, to P. B. Hoos.  
Str J. W. Thompson, lower Potomac, to F. A. Reed.

**CLEARED.**  
Str Lady of the Lake, Norfolk, by F. A. Reed.  
Str George Leary, Norfolk, by P. B. Hoos.

**PASSED DOWN.**  
Zebra Wm R. Euston, Alfred W. Flek.

**MEMORANDA.**  
Schr M. E. Edwards, from this port, John Beatty, from Washington, and Kila Matthews, from Georgetown, at Norfolk 11th.  
Schr Geo. W. from Richmond, at New York 12th.  
Schr Wm & Lewis, from Georgetown, at New Bedford 11th.  
Schr E. E. Birdall, from Richmond, at Providence 11th.  
Schr Mattie M. Hawes, from Georgetown, at New Bedford 10th.  
Schr Edward Lamayer, from Richmond, at Providence 10th.  
Schr Belle Halliday, from Georgetown, at Providence 10th.  
Schr Mary A. Harmon, from Georgetown to Boston, at Vineyard Haven 10th.

**JUST RECEIVED AT**  
**FRENCH'S — 93 & 95 KING ST.**  
A second supply of the most beautiful gift books of the season—"INDIAN SUMMER," "Autumn Poems and Sketches," most exquisitely illustrated; \$5.  
"Coleridge's Ancient Mariner," large folio, splendidly illustrated; \$5.  
"Elle Gallery," large folio, containing one hundred engravings, by Gustave Dore, with descriptive letter press, by Talbot W. Chambers, D.D.; \$6.00.  
Pictures from the German Fatherland, drawn with pen and pencil; \$3.  
On the Rhine, by Lady Blanche Murphy, beautifully illustrated; \$3.  
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Octavo Longfellow, profusely illustrated; \$5.  
The best single volume (quarto) Shakespeare in America; glossary and an index to all the familiar passages; \$5.  
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**Remington Sewing Machine.**  
We have the agency for the above celebrated SEWING MACHINE, which is acknowledged to be one of the best in the market. Persons wanting machines which possess easy running and management, durability, great range of work, all needed speed, with all usual and some unusual old and new contrivances to increase the value and appearance of this most useful machine, should call upon us, or send for illustrated circular. McLEAN & UHLER, 78 King Street, dec13-1m

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## MONEY AND COMMERCIAL

**VIRGINIA BONDS.**—J. A. Hamilton, Cash, Baltimore Financial Circular of Saturday last, says:

"The feature of our market during the past week was the great activity and marked advance in Virginia bonds. Virginia Consols opened at 74 1/2, and with very heavy transactions advanced to 75 1/2. This is the highest point at which these bonds have ever sold, but from the fact in which they were taken and the great scramble to buy, we would infer that they are destined to go considerably higher yet. The orders to buy have come mostly from London and New York. When the buyers of Consols found that they were bidding prices up, and that by buying many bonds, they withdrew their orders. As consols were no orders to buy, Consols declined to 74 1/2, but closed firm at 75 1/2 to 76, and we think will again advance. At present prices of Consols, and at say 90 for coupons these bonds may 7 per cent. per annum. The high rate of interest which they produce is very attractive to investors, and the confidence with which they are being bought, would imply that all fears of a future readjustment have disappeared. There were sales during the week of Consols at 77 seller 12 months 1/2. As explained last week, the sellers have the right of withdrawing these bonds any time in the space of one year. They commenced the week with sales at 74 1/2 and advanced to 75 1/2. There were good many orders to sell at 75 1/2, but we predict that when all of them have been taken, which we think will be reached, after that point is passed they will probably advance quickly to 76. The Forties have sold (in the Fall of 1879) at 74. At the same time Consols were selling at 74 1/2. Why there should be so great a difference between Consols and 40's now we cannot understand. It is true that Consols pay more than 40's, but it must be remembered that in the course of time the 40's bond which now bears interest at the rate of 3 per cent. per annum, will become a 4 and eventually a 5 per cent. bond, the interest being readjusted to the rate of the readjustment of the debt of Virginia, the 40's bond is by far the safest to hold—they have already been readjusted and may be considered as permanently adjusted. For these reasons we consider the 40's to be a very safe investment, most desirable investment, and we believe they will sell considerably higher. If Consols are worth 75, Ten Forties should be selling at 74. Virginia Deferred sold from 70 1/2 to 71, and reacted to 70. There were large transactions in this stock some of which were at 70 1/2, and the lot at about 71. The future value of Virginia Deferred is problematical. We think the present movement purely speculative. Bonds sold at 102, and Consol Coupons at about 91.

R. H. Meury & Co., Richmond, express—"We are not at all alarmed at the advance in the 40's; they have now to nearly attained the figure that we should advise our friends to be very careful in making purchases at the present time. After so rapid an advance some reaction and decline is to be expected, and the prudent orders and short interest, which have contributed in no inconsiderable degree to the reaction, may cease at any moment."

**WHOLESALE PRICES OF PRODUCE.**  
Flour, Fine..... \$3 75 @ 4 00  
Superfine..... 3 50 @ 3 75  
Extra..... 3 25 @ 3 50  
Family..... 2 75 @ 3 00  
Fancy..... 2 50 @ 2 75  
Wheat, common to fair..... 1 15 @ 1 25  
Good to prime..... 1 25 @ 1 35  
Choice..... 1 35 @ 1 45  
Corn, white..... 60 @ 62  
Mixed..... 55 @ 57  
Yellow..... 52 @ 54  
New..... 47 @ 49  
Corn Meal..... 2 25 @ 2 50  
Buckwheat..... 2 00 @ 2 25  
Rye..... 1 00 @ 1 10  
Oats..... 40 @ 42  
Butter, prime..... 10 @ 11  
Common to middling..... 9 @ 10  
Eggs..... 20 @ 22  
Chickens, per doz..... 2 00 @ 2 25  
Dressed Turkeys..... 3 00 @ 3 25  
Dressed Hogs..... 5 00 @ 5 25  
Sweet Potatoes per bush..... 2 25 @ 2 50  
Onions, per bush..... 1 25 @ 1 50  
Apples..... 1 75 @ 2 00  
Cheesnuts per bushel..... 1 75 @ 2 00  
Dried Peaches, per bushel..... 4 00 @ 4 25  
Unpeeled..... 3 00 @ 3 25  
Dried Apples..... 4 00 @ 4 25  
Dried Cherries..... 10 @ 12  
Sage, Hams, country..... 10 @ 12  
Best sugar cured Hams..... 10 @ 12  
Butcher's Hams..... 8 @ 10  
Children's Ham..... 8 @ 10  
Shoulders..... 8 @ 10  
Lard..... 8 @ 10  
Veal Calves..... 4 @ 6  
Herring, Eastern, per bush..... 4 00 @ 4 25  
Shad Ro per bush..... 4 00 @ 4 25  
Flour, extra..... 4 50 @ 5 00  
Ground, in bags..... 5 75 @ 6 00  
Lump..... 3 00 @ 3 25  
Clover Seed..... 5 40 @ 5 60  
Timothy..... 2 50 @ 2 75  
Salt, G. A. (Liverpool)..... 1 50 @ 1 75  
Hemp..... 1 00 @ 1 25  
Turk's Island..... 4 00 @ 4 25  
Wool, long unwashed..... 3 00 @ 3 25  
Washed..... 4 00 @ 4 25  
Merino, unwashed..... 4 00 @ 4 25  
Do, washed..... 4 00 @ 4 25  
Hemp..... 18 00 @ 19 00  
Wheat Bran per ton..... 17 50 @ 18 50  
Brown Middlings..... 18 00 @ 19 00  
White Middlings..... 22 00 @ 23 00

The market opens quiet and easy. There is no change to note in Flour, though sales are not large. The receipts of Wheat are light, and but 700 bushels were sold to-day at 114 for mixed, and 122 and 121 for Lancaster, with no strictly choice offered. Corn is sold, though the receipts continue fair, and 2100 bushels sold to-day at 50 for new white, and 52 for old white and yellow. No Bye